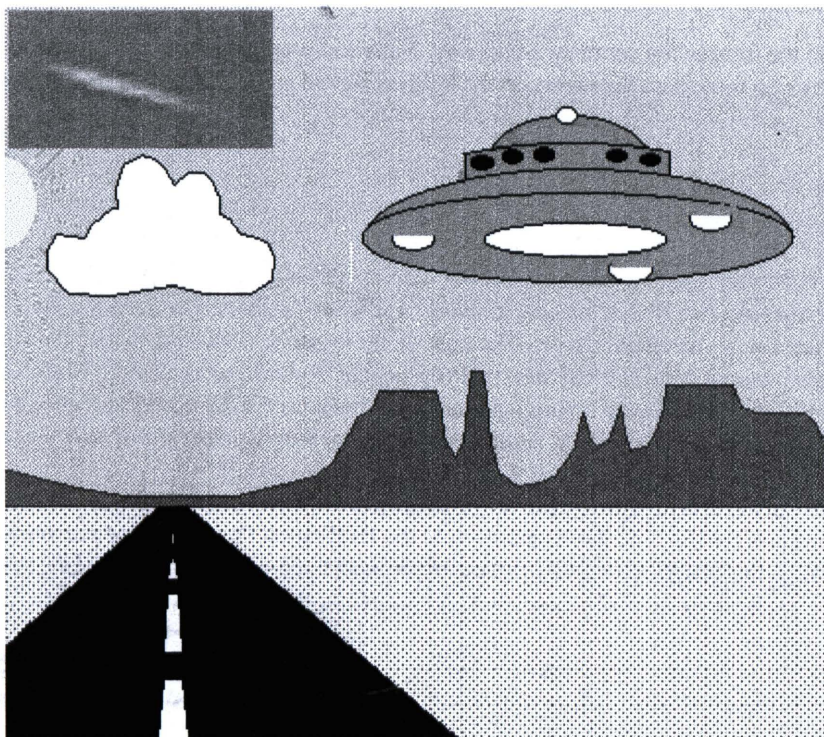


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**UFOS PICKED UP BY CURIOSITY**

The *Daily Mail* reported on August 22nd that the rover Curiosity that recently arrived on Mars, seems to have picked up unusual objects in the sky on its camera:

**Curiosity Rover spots mysterious 'UFO' zooming across the red planet's horizon**  
**By Eddie Wrenn**

When Curiosity first touched down on Mars, Internet pranksters were quick to mock up photographs of alien life on the alien landscape. But it seems Nasa has itself captured something very strange on camera, including a strange white light dancing across the horizon of the red planet, and four blobs hovering in the sky

While the images are certainly a curiosity, Nasa and photography experts insist that these are nothing more than blemishes on the images, picked up by the camera lens sitting on the rover at a distance of 350 million miles away.

So far, Nasa has not commented on any of the strange sightings, but alien hunters have suggested these are alien ships monitoring our baby steps into the universe.

YouTube user Stephen Hannard, part of a group called Alien Disclosure UK, spotted the anomalies on the NASA images, publicly available on the space agency's website, and applied a series of filters to try to shed light on the mystery. Referring to the four pin-points of light pictured in the skies of Mars (below), he said: 'Four objects caught by Mars Curiosity, very difficult to make out on original image so I have used a few filters to highlight. 'What are these four objects? UFOs, Dust particles, or something else? As always you decide.'

However video analyst Marc Dantonio - who, in the interests of full disclosure, has worked on projects for the U.S. government - told the Huffington Post that these are simply 'dead pixels' in the image - a regular problem in the world of graphics. Indeed, many computers and mobile phones develop dead pixel problems, as do modern digital cameras.

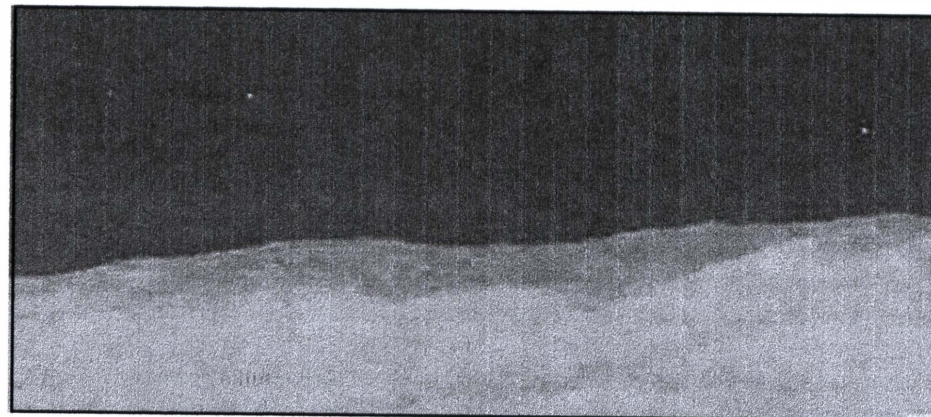
Dantonio said: 'After watching the video, it is actually quite clear that these are one-pixel sized image anomalies. I fully concur at this point that these are dead pixels on the imager. All CCD [cameras] have them, and in a bland atmosphere like that at Mars, they would be very obvious as opposed to an active atmosphere like Earth, where they could end up hidden for a long time before anyone noticed them.'

Another video appears to show an object rising from the horizon, followed shortly afterwards by another small object. NASA has not publicly commented on either 'sighting'.

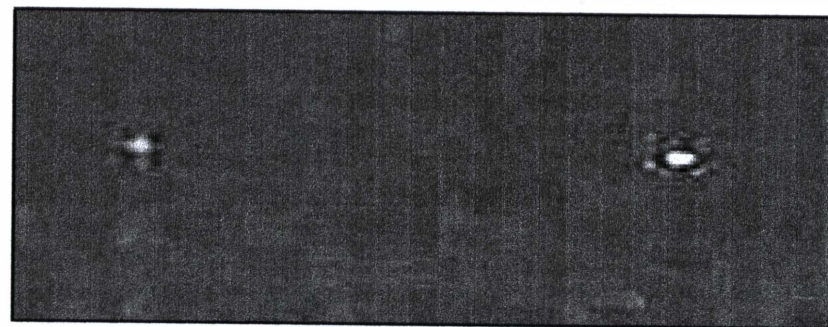
Curiosity, a six-wheeled vehicle the size of a compact car, landed inside a vast, ancient impact crater near Mars' equator on August 6 after an eight-month, 354-million-mile voyage through

space. Earlier today, the rover was seen wiggling its wheels back and fourth during final checks before it sets off across the surface of Mars. Engineers at mission control have been running a series of tests before the one-ton vehicle's first drive which is expected in the next couple of days.

The Martian motor was also shown flexing its extending robotic arm for the first time. The 7-foot-long (2.1-meter-long) arm maneuvers a turret of tools including a camera, a drill, a spectrometer, a scoop and mechanisms for sieving and portioning samples of powdered rock and soil. It zapped its first rock on Sunday with a high-powered laser gun designed to analyze Martian mineral content, and scientists declared their target practice a success. The robotic science lab aimed its laser beam at the fist-sized stone nearby and shot the rock with 30 pulses over a 10-second period, NASA said in a statement issued from mission control at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory near Los Angeles.

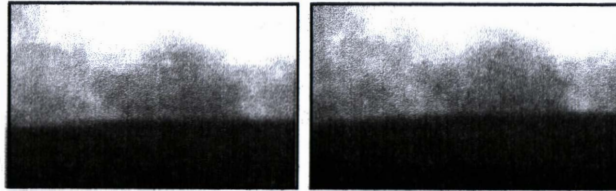
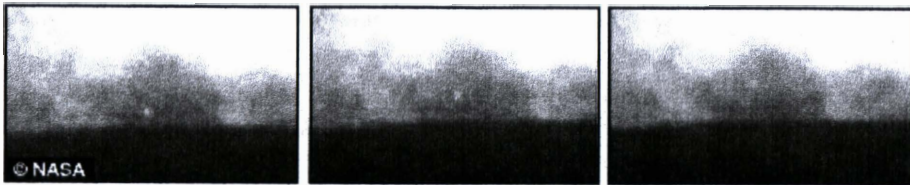


**Picture of the Martian hills with three objects in the sky**



**Enlargement of two of the UFOs. Clearly they are more than one pixel in size as different parts have different shades, so cannot be "dead pixels". The shapes around them are reminiscent of Alex Birch's famous photograph (which he still claims was genuine).**





**Video of moving object over the horizon. This cannot be a dead pixel either, or it would only appear on one of the frames.**

#### **TIMOTHY GOOD INTERVIEWED ON THE MOORE SHOW**

The Moore Show, with Kevin Moore, is a chat show broadcast on satellite channels as well as online at YouTube. Recently it featured an interview with UFO author Timothy Good, who spoke on various opinions he has developed in the course of his investigations.

When asked how he was introduced to the subject he said it had been in 1955 when a cousin he knew was interested in air and space matters asked him what he thought about flying saucers. From this he went on to read *Flying Saucers are Real* by Donald Keyhoe, describing sightings by pilots and other responsible people, and from this he was hooked.

Hasn't the government said UFOs are no threat and so they are not interested in the matter? He said this was just a public relations job - people tend to call either the media or the police when they see a UFO, and the police always pass it on to the MOD. Behind the scenes the investigations continue in secrecy - in 1978 11 million pounds were spent on it. Thousands of pages of UK related UFO files have been released, but hardly any of them have been classified any higher than confidential - mainly because they don't release witnesses' names. They get more requests on this than any other subject.

Do the military know about this? He said the Americans are in control, as told him by someone who had been in operations rooms in the 1950s. CIA and USAF intelligence collaborate with RAF intelligence and the government is out of the loop except on a need to know basis. Churchill wrote a letter asking what it was all about and was told there was

nothing in it. Prime Ministers probably do not know about it. Some presidents may have been partially briefed but it has been compartmentalised.

Would it cause panic if everything was revealed? He thought so. People have been abducted among other things. They couldn't come out with it all. A group outside the UK government have the knowledge, and they liaise closely with the Americans. Intelligence gathering has been going on a long time, but some people are coming forward. Air Marshall Peter Horsley, an equerry to Prince Philip, had a two hour meeting with an human-like extraterrestrial being in London organised by a British army general. He had been disturbed that the being was able to read his mind and said he knew all of Britain's military secrets. This is in his autobiography *Sounds from Another Room*. There seem to be many types of extraterrestrial - all humanoid but with many differences.

Why would SETI (the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) lie when they say there has not been evidence for extraterrestrials? Many may be ignorant of it and have never studied it. He has visited the Aricebo telescope in Puerto Rico and found only a fraction of its time is spent on SETI - the rest is used by the US military. This is ironic as Puerto Rico is a centre of activity for aliens.

How has he been allowed to write books - has he been part of the process? Possibly indirectly. Some are aware of the dangers of a major event bringing everything out, others think people are not entitled to know anything. Has he ever felt in danger or intimidated? To a certain extent yes. He had been in the States in the 1970s and noticed two US government cars near the motel where he was staying. He found someone had been in the room and had taken his research notes.

Has he ever made contact? Yes, in 1963 and 1967. In the latter he had been in New York with the London Symphony Orchestra and had been talking with some people about aliens liaising with NASA and assisting in the space programme. He was in the lobby of the Park Sheraton Hotel when he tried to send a telepathic message that if they were working here could they sit down and prove it. Half an hour later a man in an immaculate suit came in, tanned with wavy sandy hair and glasses. He sat down, took a New York Times from his briefcase, turned pages and replaced it. He sent the message that if he was what he thought could he put his index finger against his nose, which he immediately did. Then he looked at him seriously and walked away.

Is there a genetic connection with them? They all say we are genetically related. They colonised the solar system, coming initially to Mars and Venus - the high grounds of Venus and Mars, which then lost its atmosphere and they came to Earth and interbred with us, at the time of Cro-Magnon man. Some of them look very similar to us.

Are abductions in our best interest? Are they real? Yes, they are real - there are cases from

all over the world. There are different types, not just the grey. They have said the purpose is to extract genetic material and create hybrids. They say it is for our benefit but he thinks it is for theirs. Earth is very special in this region, with its biodiversity and its water. There are huge bases under the Pacific and elsewhere. We have a degree of liaison but there is a conflict of interests on the future of the planet. Others want to help, but also require things.

Are any of them highly evolved spiritually? Some may be millions of years ahead in this. He mentioned the Amicizia (Friendship) group in Italy which had had contacts with people wanting to help humanity. But there are some which do not have our best interests at heart.

Is Darwin out of the window? Not entirely. We did come from the ape family but at certain times we were interfered with and hybridised. Are there alien descriptions in the Bible? Yes, a lot, also the Hindu Vedas and ancient Greeks. In Genesis sons of God saw the daughters of men, there were angels and such things as Elijah going to heaven in a fiery chariot, and also Ezekiel. In the New Testament also, Jesus was telepathic, could levitate and cure, and was taken into a cloud.

Why will most people in their lifetime not see a UFO? He shares the frustration - he only sees anything unexplainable about every ten years or so. Maybe it is because he knows what the explainable ones are. Most reports are of explainable things, and Chinese hot air balloon lanterns have been responsible for a lot. So there is frustration here, but there are other things like the flying triangles seen from Wales and the Midlands - they may be craft we have that are beyond anything we could imagine, and would be beyond top secret, capable of space travel. It has been said by someone involved in the stealth projects that we now have the capability to travel among the stars, but it would take an act of God to get it released. So some UFOs could be ours.

Are there bases all over the planet? Some are in the Pacific in deep trenches, and on sea mounts, others under mountains, according to the Amicizia group. Some are even deeper, using advanced technology. But there are still extraterrestrials too. Our planet is attractive, but perhaps not the people. There are bases on Mars and the Moon too, and he thinks NASA are collaborating with some. There were aliens on the Moon when Buzz Aldrin landed there, and they were accompanied by a bell-shaped flying craft. A lady who was at a conference with Neil Armstrong was told by him that there were craft on the Moon and they were frightened, and they got the impression they were not welcome. This may be why the Apollo programme ceased. But he thinks we may go back to the Moon as we may be collaborating with some of the more friendly ones. But there may be a conflict of interests over the planet and we are in the middle.

How much longer can they keep the information secret? He feels there is no way they can sit on it for ever. Why is it ridiculed and yet in so many TV advertisements etc? This was a clever plan from 1953 and very successful. But we should not blame them entirely. The

situation is alarming, but we have to be prepared. He can't imagine the complete cover-up lasting more than twenty years.

### **Goldilocks planet in binary star system**

In *The Material World* on Radio 4 on August 30th it was reported that a solar system of two planets has been discovered by the Kepler space telescope which is in orbit round the Sun. Professor Andrew Cameron and Dr. Jan Zalasiewicz discussed the system, and said that one of the planets, about three times the size of the Earth, is within the so-called "Goldilocks Zone", where the temperature is just right to support life. The telescope has found over 700 planets of other stars, and some, including Kepler 22b, are around a Sun-like star in the habitable zone. But Kepler 47 round its binary stars shows that different kinds of stars could also have habitable planets. Binary star systems have featured in science fiction, such as Tatooine in *Star Wars* and Magarathea in *The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy*, but it was thought that such systems could not support planets.

Since this was reported it has been revealed that the Alpha Centauri system has an Earth-sized planet. This trinary system is the nearest to us, four light years away, and consists of Alpha Centauri and a companion, Sun-like stars, with the red dwarf Proxima Centauri. The planet is, however, very close to its star. It was mentioned that either larger planets or smaller ones closer in give stronger signals, so there could be an Earth-size one further out. But if Adamski's cosmology turns out after all to be correct, it may not matter how close in the planet is.

### **BBC report on BUFORA**

A group of British UFO-watchers is celebrating 50 years of searching for spacecraft in the sky. What keeps them looking for extra-terrestrial life? There are no windows in the functional-looking basement hall beneath a north London hotel. But everyone gathered here is gazing to the heavens. Figuratively speaking, that is.

The annual conference of the British UFO Research Association (Bufora), is a gathering of enthusiasts for unexplained aerial phenomena that might, they speculate, be evidence of extra-terrestrial intelligence. Dozens of them have travelled from around the UK to be here. They listen to guest speakers patiently and attentively. Many carefully take notes during lectures on such topics as "Ghost Rockets", "Political, Cultural and Social Influences of UFOs" and "Behind All The Anomalous Reports".

Ufology - as its followers like to term it - is a subculture with its own lexicography - greys, contactees, close encounters. Bufora delegates browse UFO titles at a bookstall. The ufologists also have their own recurring motifs - abductions, government cover-ups - and a distinctive visual aesthetic which looks like a sort of blend of the retro-futurist and the New Age. At a bookstall, delegates browse titles like *The Real Men in Black* by Nick Redfern, *Reflections of a UFO Investigator* by Kevin Randle and *The Occult Significance*



of UFOs by Douglas Baker.

The predominant demographic is older men. But somewhere between a quarter and a third of Bufora attendees look under 30 and a similar proportion are female. Bufora styles its approach as "scientifically factual", distancing itself from the more esoteric and mystical wings of the movement, such as the Raelians, who believe the Earth was created by an alien race called the Elohim, and followers of David Icke, who teaches that the human race was bred by reptilians from the constellation Draco.

Instead, Bufora devotes its efforts to fact - checking unexplained sightings. The group says that 95% of the 500-plus sightings reported to its National Investigations Committee each year can be explained rationally. And the rest - well, they aren't ruling anything out. Not aliens, anyway. This logic, and indeed the very notion of an empirically rigorous UFO-spotter, is guaranteed to provoke snorts of derision from sceptics who regard ufology as a blend of pseudo-science, conspiracy theory and mystical hokum.

Certainly, speakers may stress the importance of maintaining an evidence-based approach and not letting one's beliefs colour judgements. But the questions from the floor tend to concern whether they think a spacecraft landed at Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk in 1980 or if they believe the American government is covering something up at Area 51 in Nevada. No-one demurs when the TV presenter Lionel Fanthorpe tells the audience that the "major possibilities" for explaining strange things in the sky include parallel universes, extra-terrestrial life and "psychic phenomena".

But even opponents would have to concede that the ufological world view has seeped into the mainstream. A study for National Geographic magazine in June found that 36% of Americans said they believed in UFOs and one in 10 claimed they had spotted one. Almost 80% thought the government had concealed information on the subject from the public. Nonetheless, the last decade has seen a succession of news reports foretelling a crisis in ufology.

Numerous UFO sightings in the UK were published by the National Archives in 2012, but UFO-spotting is nothing new, with many cases being recorded in different countries:

1946 - Polish-born American George Adamski claimed to have seen a large cigar-shaped "mother ship".

1947 - reports of an object crashing near Roswell, New Mexico was thought to be an extra-terrestrial spacecraft. The US army countered that the debris recovered belonged to a weather balloon.

1980 - The Rendlesham Forest incident, when lights and a craft were reportedly seen in the forest in Suffolk near RAF Woodbridge.

The folding of the long-established UFO Magazine in 2004 and the Ministry of Defence's

decision to close its UFO desk in 2009 led several mainstream commentators to conclude that the phenomenon was a distinctively 20th Century one, unique to an era of Cold War paranoia, space race-fuelled technological optimism and pop culture references to aliens and extra-terrestrials. There was even speculation that the effect was partly down to 9/11. With a new and definitely real enemy to focus on, the uncommitted would be less drawn to ufology, the theory went.

But still the ufologists gather, longing to discover more about these strange sightings in the sky. "The movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* caused a membership surge for us, as did ET and then the X Files," smiles Bufora chairman Matt Lyons, a cheerful 45-year-old music teacher from Kent.

While unexplained celestial happenings have been witnessed throughout history, UFO-spotting as a popular phenomenon took off after US airman Kenneth Arnold reported sighting nine disc-shaped objects while airborne in 1947. Five years later, George Adamski attracted huge publicity after claiming that he had met Nordic-looking aliens who warned him about the dangers of nuclear war. Against this backdrop, Bufora was founded in September 1962 as an amalgamation of various regional groups.

Mainstream scientists were not yet embarrassed to be associated with UFOs, recalls retired civil servant and veteran UFO-watcher Lionel Beer. The Duke of Edinburgh was even claimed as a subscriber to *Flying Saucer Review*. At Bufora's inaugural meeting, in west London's Kensington Central Library, it was "standing room only", Beer wistfully remembers.

Arguably the high point of ufology's influence on British political life came when the House of Lords earnestly debated the subject in January 1979. By this time, however, sky-watching had taken a darker turn. In the believer's worldview, aliens had been the wise, benevolent secular angels of Adamski's depiction. But by the end of the 1970s belief was growing in a huge government cover-up at Roswell, Nevada - a plot that, coincidentally, began to be speculated about soon after the Watergate scandal shattered public faith in politicians.

Indeed, it's possible to see postwar Western social history reflected through the prism of UFO belief - from early optimism about technological advance through Cold War fears of attacks from above, via 1960s counterculture and the later cynicism that would find its zenith with the X Files. For this reason, even sceptics like Dr David Clarke of Sheffield Hallam University - who successfully campaigned for the MoD to release its UFO-related files - believe the phenomenon is nonetheless worth studying as a powerful example of 20th Century folklore and mythology. "Of course, it's pseudo-science," he says. "But people have always looked in the sky and seen things that were odd or puzzling. Before aliens, it was angels, ghosts and spirits.

"What it tells us is that, as human beings, we need to find explanations and believe in

something bigger than ourselves."

Not that all non-believers entirely reject life in the ufology world. Writer and film-maker Mark Pilkington - whose book about the subculture, *Mirage Men*, forms the basis of a forthcoming documentary - has fond memories of his early days in the UFO community before he abandoned its core tenets.

"If you get into it and take it seriously, you have to learn about physics, chemistry, meteorology and so on," he says. "It can give you a really good grounding in reality, ironically." Even the sceptics, it seems, are staring at the stars.

Sent by Chris Doherty

#### One UFO a month, says Air Traffic Control

Richard Deakin, head of UK Air Traffic Control, is responsible for making sure over 6,000 flights move safely through the airspace every day. During an interview on Radio 4's *Today* programme he was pressed about whether his staff have encountered unidentified flying objects. The interviewer, Simon Jack, said "My children asked me to ask you this question: have you or any of your staff ever had to explain an unidentified flying object? Is there a procedure?" Mr. Deakin replied: "Occasionally there are objects that don't conform to normal traffic patterns - not just from a UK point of view but around the world. I have to say it's not something that's occupied a huge amount of my time though."

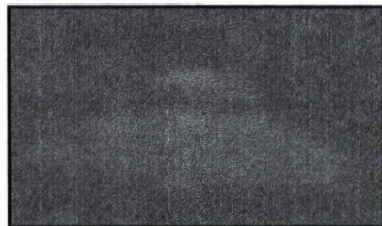
"Is that a yes?"

"That is a yes - typically around one a month."

"One a month! The skies are buzzing with UFOs!"

#### Adamski Saucers on Google Street View?

Two mysterious and identical UFO's almost 1,000 miles apart have been observed on Google Maps - raising questions as to



Texas

what they are and how they were photographed there in the first place. The red orb-like shapes are visible to all users of the application online at Jacksonville in Texas and at the Sky City Casino Hotel on 32 In-



New Mexico

dian Service Route 30, Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico. At both locations the same object appears in the sky hovering over the street and was first pointed out to ABC News affiliate KLTV in East Texas by Andrea Dover who noticed the first UFO while using Google Maps to get directions.

Daily Mail, 28 September 2012

#### Welsh Triangle still active?

During the Society of Leyhunters Moot at Pembrokeshire in September, we were at Porthclais Harbour and overheard the lady in the kiosk saying to someone that there are "a lot of UFOs seen round here". Pembrokeshire is the area largely covered by the book *The Welsh Triangle* by Peter Paget, documenting a number of striking UFO happenings which apparently took place during the late 1970s. This relatively small area of Britain apparently had a large number of spectacular cases including a number of occupant reports, and the lady's comment suggests that activity is still continuing to an extent that people think of it as a normal part of life there.

### LETTERS

#### from Norman Darwen, Lostock, Lancashire:

There is some footage of an unknown object in the sky above Bolton, Lancashire, taken by Warren Green at 11 am on 31st August, 2012. The oblong object, dubbed "the flying sofa" by Warren, appears to be spinning, as if blowing in the wind, and flashing a white light, though these do look more like light reflections to me. It would seem to me to be some kind of balloon, though others might disagree and Warren himself feels it is not. The footage can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUo-vhgZ4zQ>.

### WEB SITES

*The following web sites are all relevant to extraterrestrial contact*

#### All the Planets are Inhabited:

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/atpai>

#### Flying Saucers, Leys and Lost Technology - the Tony Wedd site:

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/tony>

#### Voices from Space - the Philip Rodgers site, detailing his amazing tape recordings as well as free energy research and extraterrestrial language:

<http://www.spacevoice.fsnet.co.uk>

#### The Great Isosceles Triangle of England - leys and orthoteny (UFO sighting lines):

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/triangle>

#### The Real Stonehenge and Avebury - Mollie Carey's photos of carvings at ancient sites, and extraterrestrial connection:

<http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk>

#### The Ley Hunter 1969-76 - the magazine on leys, with some articles by Tony Wedd:

<http://www.tlh6976.fsnet.co.uk>

## **THE HIDDEN UNITY and BEGINNINGS**

*The Hidden Unity* looks at the strange phenomenon of subconscious siting of ley points, and notes that places of worship, of all religions and all ages, tend to predominate on leys. The environmental and philosophical implications of this are discussed, and the apparent necessity of worship but irrelevance of doctrine. Two ley centres are given as examples, and investigated in depth - the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking and the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Scunthorpe. There is an appendix by Eileen Grimshaw on the significance of the Pagan religion to this study. Illustrated with photographs, maps and line drawings. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

*Beginnings* is about a series of potentially useful discoveries, mainly made by Jimmy Goddard over a period of about twenty years, but having some overlap with discoveries made by others. For various reasons, the investigations are all in their early stages, and some have not been continued. They include earth energy detection, natural antigravity, subconscious siting, ley width, and the solar transition effect. There is also a chapter on cognitive dissonance - a psychological factor which seems to have been at the root of all bigotry - scientific, religious and other - down the ages. The booklet is concluded with an account of the discovery of leys by Alfred Watkins. **£2 plus 30p p&p from the Amskaya address. Please make cheques payable to J. Goddard.**

### **EARTH PEOPLE, SPACE PEOPLE**

In 1961, Tony Wedd produced a manuscript *Earth Men, Space Men*, detailing many claims of extraterrestrial contact. It was never published, and I had thought it was lost, though it has recently been located - Tony had given it to Timothy Good. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet was prepared. As well as giving details of some of the more prominent contact claims, there are articles on the history of the STAR Fellowship and some of its personalities, evidence for life in the Solar System and investigation into extraterrestrial language.

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